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DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENT
VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY IN
CASE OF MRS. LAUNT.
Was Knocked Down by a Bicycle
Yesterday--The Rider of
Wheel Liberated.
 Coroner Nevitt held an inquest at the first precinct police station today in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Henrietta Launt, who was killed while riding a bicycle by a bicycle at 11th and F streets northwest yesterday. Wilson Barnes, colored, who rode the wheel, was present at the hearing, having been held in custody over night. Friends of the young man and Mrs. Launt were also present.
 Several witnesses gave testimony, and the jury returned a verdict, stating that the affair was an unavoidable accident. Barnes was thereupon released.
 Mrs. Launt was a former resident of Cooperstown, N. Y., and arrangements for her funeral will not be made until her brother arrives here from the New York town. He is expected to reach Washington tonight.
Physician's Statement.
 Dr. Sperry, resident physician at the Emergency Hospital, testified that he responded to a call from 11th and F streets about 11:45 o'clock yesterday, and found Mrs. Launt in an unconscious condition. He found a lacerated wound of the head, but no indication of a fracture. A daughter of the deceased called to the hospital during the day and said her mother recently complained of vertigo. Witness thought death resulted from cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Launt regained consciousness, death resulting a short time after she reached the hospital.
 John A. Richardson, 1729 McCullough street, testified that he was standing in front of 1910 F street yesterday, when he saw Mrs. Launt crossing the street. A car was approaching, and witness saw the wheel of the car being struck by her, called, "Look out." He did not see the bicyclist until he was arrested. The street was crowded, and the people were very much excited over the accident. Witness thought Mrs. Launt was going south, and she seemed to be bewildered. There were fully twenty people crossing the street at the time, and witness called to warn them all of the approach of the car.
 Miss Katie Dunn, No. 1066 C street southwest, told the jury she was at the second-story front window of 10 F street at the time the fatal accident happened. Mrs. Launt was on the north side of F street and near the intersection of the street with D street. The bicyclist was going west at the time. She thought the wheel was not going very fast, for the colored rider dismounted almost before the wheel struck Mrs. Launt. The accident occurred in front of Desio's jewelry store, and not at the street crossing. The wheelman made no effort to stop, and the accident happened. Miss Dunn said she could not tell him what direction Mrs. Launt came.
 E. M. Meritt, 1200 F street northwest, testified that he saw Mrs. Launt when she left the north side of F street to go to the north side. The woman attracted his attention, as she was riding on the wrong side of the road to him. Witness said the accident did not occur on the crossing. He did not witness the accident.
Heard Bicycle Bell.
 D. T. Tiefenthaler, 516 10th street northwest, testified that he was crossing F street yesterday morning when he heard a bicycle bell ringing. He judged from the ringing of the bell that the wheel was moving quite rapidly. Witness saw the bicycle strike Mrs. Launt and knock her down. She was rendered unconscious, and witness assisted in removing her to the sidewalk. The woman was unconscious and remained so until she was taken to the hospital. Witness thought the bicyclist was sounding to warn him of his approach.
 Policeman Charles C. Pearce testified that he saw Mrs. Launt lying on the ground after the bicycle struck her. She was lying on her back and was unconscious. Witness was in the neighborhood of the accident. Browne at the time, and his back was toward the car tracks.
 Policeman Philip Browne explained to the jury that he witnessed the accident. He saw Mrs. Launt when she started across the street toward Woodward & Lothrop's store. The bell on an eastbound car was ringing, and when Mrs. Launt started to run, witness said she ran against the bicycle and was knocked down. Her head struck on the north rail of the street, and she remained in this condition until she was taken away in the ambulance. The wheel was on the right side of the street and was not going fast when the accident occurred. Barnes, the rider of the wheel, did what he could to prevent the accident.
The Wheelman's Story.
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GRADUATION EXERCISES.
Training School for Nurses Confers
Number of Diplomas.
 The graduation exercises of the training school for nurses of Freedman's Hospital were held last night in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, which was filled with the friends and relatives of the sixteen young women who were presented with diplomas.
 Dr. J. E. Rankin, president of Howard University, presided at the exercises and delivered a brief address. The program was opened with an overture rendered by the Aeolian Mandolin Club. Addresses were then delivered by George H. White and Wm. T. Pierson, of the hospital board of visitors. The diplomas were delivered by Rev. J. E. Rankin, president of Howard University.
 Those who received diplomas were Margaret Anise Allen, Lexington, Ky.; Susan Cosler, Barks, Bedford, Pa.; Jerry N. Bowen Campbell, Montgomery, Ala.; Mary Louise Day, Portsmouth, Va.; Mamie E. Hackley, Cincinnati, Ohio; Carrie L. Hanson, Baltimore, Md.; Catherine Suele Harrell, Hacksley, La.; Bessie Hunter, Purcellville, Va.; Eliza Ann Jackson, Richmond, Va.; Mary Jennings, Cape Fear, N. C.; Alice Jones, Fayetteville, N. C.; Frances Charlotte Rhone, Newberne, N. C.; Frances Adelaide Robinson, Portsmouth, Va.; Bessie Mae Smith, Washington, D. C.; Marion Walcott, Rock Hill, S. C.; Florence Adelaide Whitley, Newberne, N. C.

MAJOR SIMPSON EXPRESSES
OPINION OF RE-ELECTION.
His Comment on the Municipal
Test-Case of Smallpox Reported
on Madison Street.
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 ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 8, 1901.
 Commenting on his candidacy for re-election, Mayor Simpson said this morning that he did not think there would be enough strength in the opposition to prevent his special interest in the contest. He is opposed by Joseph S. Beach, an independent candidate. The mayor referred to his vote of about 1,000, which he received in the recent democratic primary. He thought his opponent would experience considerable difficulty in surpassing those figures. The slight difference between the mayor's vote and the total vote polled was regarded with much satisfaction by the friends of the mayor, who looked upon it as a good indication of the strength that his opponents could muster. The supporters of Mayor Simpson declare that he will have a regular walkover the 23d instant, the date of the municipal election.
 There is little doubt that the contest for the election of members of the common council and board of aldermen, as most of the democratic nominees are usually elected without the aid of a caucus, will be a close one, however, for seats in both bodies. In the fourth ward Frank Evans, republican, is a candidate for re-election to council, and there is some reason to believe that he will be re-elected. Several cases among the colored population.
Funeral Services.
 A yellow smallpox car has been taken on house No. 816 Madison street, an inmate, William Waters, colored, having been discovered to be suffering from the disease. The place has been thoroughly quarantined and every effort has been made to prevent the spread of the disease. This is the first case of smallpox reported in Alexandria for a long time. It is supposed that Waters contracted the malady in Alexandria county, near Rosslyn, where he has been several cases among the colored population.
General Matters.
 At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall Steamboat Company held in this city yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Fredrick Mertens, president; T. L. Holbrook, president; William Morten, treasurer; H. Woodard, secretary, and C. W. Kidley, general manager.
 The Episcopal High School base ball team will play the home team on the grounds Saturday afternoon with the Emerson Institute of Washington. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock.
 Dr. Leary, who has been ill for some time, after a lingering illness at his home in Fairfax county, near this city. Deceased was eighty-two years of age, and was a native of Maryland. His remains will be forwarded Friday to Orange, N. J., for interment.
 Mr. E. C. Joyce of the Pennsylvania railroad will leave for New York on the home of the day in this city, to attend the annual ticket agent's convention in that city.
 Mrs. Levinia Newton died last night at her home in Fairfax county. Her remains will be forwarded Friday to Orange, N. J., for interment.
 She was a daughter of Mr. John E. Green of Stafford county.
 The Light Infantry will hold a street parade and volley firing this evening. There will be an exhibition drill for a medal the 23d instant.
 The city council has decided to use Mack block in paving King street from Royal to Fairfax street. This is the same grade of block that was used in improving the site around the Confederate monument. The work will be commenced at an early date.
 At a funeral of Mrs. Julia Channey, whose death occurred Saturday night, took place at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from her late residence, corner of Ormoco and F street, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clarence E. Ball of Grace Episcopal Church. The interment was made in the Methodist cemetery.
PLACED UNDER ARREST.
Harry Marcus Calls at White House
 A young man wearing a neatly fitting black suit and wearing a silk hat was arrested at the White House this morning, where he had called to see Mrs. McKinley. He was locked up at the first precinct station in order that the physicians might examine him as to his sanity. He gave his name as Harry Marcus, and said he was born in Roumania. Four years ago, he says, he came to this country and he has since been in the city. He is now 212 Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City. A brother, Edward Marcus, he says, is in similar business at 1121 Atlantic avenue.
 Marcus called at the White House Monday, and returned there again late that night. Yesterday he was there again, and this morning he called between 4 and 5 o'clock and was placed under arrest. Sgt. Hartley, who escorted the prisoner to police headquarters, where he was interviewed by Sanitary Officer Frank.
 The young man declared that he state he wanted to see Mrs. McKinley, saying he would tell nobody except the President's wife or her nearest lady friend.
 He said he had been "on the train," said Marcus, "I had a vision. I was told why I must see Mrs. McKinley."
 He said the pressure on him had been so great that he had eaten nothing for three days.
 "I can't eat," he said, "I've been poisoned several times, and I'm afraid to eat in public places. Now, I've been in the habit of drinking seven or eight glasses of Mumm's every day, and I've been a high drinker."
 When searched at the station the police found \$1.75 and some keys and letters in his pockets.
 Dr. Mearns, one of the police surgeons, examined Marcus at the police station this afternoon and reported him insane. A telegram has been sent to his brother telling Sgt. Hartley to deliver the man to the hospital. Sanitary Officer Frank will hold Marcus at the station until his brother is heard from.
 An Oklahoma man claims to have invented a rotary engine. He says his invention will revolutionize steam and gas and runs practically without noise.

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